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| | FOR DETECTION OF BACILLUS |) | | |
| | ANTHRACIS NUCLEIC ACIDS |) | | |

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

Applicants submit this amendment as a submission accompanying a request for continued examination of the above identified application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.